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H. J. RES. 63

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the President to disapprove or reduce items of appropriation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*
4 *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*
5 *stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all*
6 *intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*
7 *ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several*
8 *States within seven years after the date of its submission*
9 *for ratification:*

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “The President may reduce or disapprove any item
3 of appropriation in any Act or joint resolution, except any
4 item of appropriation for the legislative branch of the Gov-
5 ernment. If an Act or joint resolution is approved by the
6 President, any item of appropriation contained therein
7 which is not reduced or disapproved shall become law. The
8 President shall return with his objections any item of ap-
9 propriation reduced or disapproved to the House in which
10 the Act or joint resolution containing such item originated.
11 The Congress may, in the manner prescribed under sec-
12 tion 7 of the article I for Acts disapproved by the Presi-
13 dent, reconsider any item disapproved or reduced under
14 this article, except that only a majority vote of each House
15 shall be required to approve an item which has been dis-
16 approved or to restore an item which has been reduced
17 by the President to the original amount contained in the
18 Act or joint resolution.”.

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